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## Monthly Report June 2025

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 40 items were ordered, and all items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for July, and it will be approved via email.

The Friends of the Library had a meeting on June 25, which I attended, along with Nancy Seifts. The Friends announced they made \$1,606 from their June book sale. Other topics of discussion included preparations for the Tricky Tray, summer programming, and the remaining funds the Friends have committed to us. I submitted financial request on June 3 for items for our Friday Foodie fun summer programs, but it was felt it didn't need to be approved as the \$300 check for Bold Yoga hasn't been used, as that service ended up being free for us. To date, we've received \$2,337.96 from the Friends, and there is \$3,663.04 remaining of their commitment.

The Friends also discussed running the bocce ball court at the Pavilion during the Village Centennial Field Day on Aug 16, from 11a-3p. I created a book gift basket for the Friends to use for their Tricky Tray. The next Friends meeting will be Sept 10 at 1pm.

## Director's Report

During the month of June:

- We had total of 660 patrons visit the library.
  - 529 adult patrons
  - 120 children patrons
  - 26 teen patrons
  - 27 Computers were used
- 950 items were checked out
  - Adult fiction books were circulated 261 times
  - Adult video circulated 77 times
  - Children's fiction circulated 419 times (this is a huge jump from last month)
  - eContent circulated 131 times
- We registered 10 new patrons
- 161 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 231 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 166 holds were placed
- 448 people used the wifi, for an average of 41 people per day



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In June, we hosted the following library sponsored events/programs:

June 1: Music Circle Jam Session

June 3: Weekly Story Time

June 3: Library BOT meeting

June 4: Reality Bites: Making the Best of Life with Black Flies

June 9: Resume Refresh for Teens & Adults.

June 10: Weekly Story Time

June 11: Coloring Club

June 11: Cr'After School, Disco Ball Art

June 13: Stories & Yoga for kids

June 14: Paint a Bookend for the Library

June 17: Weekly Story Time

June 20 & 21: Friends of the Library Book Sale

June 23: BOLD Yoga for Adults - Chair Yoga

June 25: Senior Musical Bingo - At The Movies!

June 26: Thursday Tech for Seniors, Tech Tips for Disaster Preparedness

The following non library hosted meetings and activities were hosted in June:

June 2: Town of LP BOT meeting

June 11: Hamilton County Soil & Water meeting

June 12: 4 Rivers meeting

June 14: LPSA meeting

June 16: Town of LP BOT meeting

There are several programs scheduled at the library for July; a calendar was sent to each Board member, as there are too many to list here.

### **Other Updates**

June saw the library gearing up for a busy summer; we held some final programs for our year-round offerings, like PreK story time, Cr'After School, and Senior Musical Bingo. These programs will return in the fall, but will be replaced over the summer by other offerings. Patrons have already expressed interest in our summer programs, and we have a few kids signed up for our Summer Reading Program. Information is listed on our website and social media, as well as in printed form on flyers at the library, and around town. We have a few ads that have been listed with the Hamilton County Express, and that will continue for a few more weeks. Staff and volunteers are prepared and ready for our hour changes, which will go into effect on July 1.

The children's area has been decorated to tie in with the summer reading program theme of 'Color Our World'. The weekly Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9, and 10-16 will begin on July 15, and run for six weeks. Nearly all materials for crafts and activities have been purchased, and are organized and ready to go. Participants in the Summer Reading Program will be given reading trackers; they can turn these in each week in exchange for prizes. We will also have our Summer Reading Bingo pages available for patrons, beginning on July 1. The Bingo cards can be done by readers of all ages. The prize for participants who get a bingo is a small ice cream cone at Speculator Creamery.



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Perhaps one of the most noteworthy events the library held in June was a meet and greet with SALS Director, Sara Dallas. This also served as a community Q&A session, and opportunity for Sara to let the public know about the IMLS cuts, and how these affect our library, and other rural libraries. We had a good turnout, with a few of our board members, and community members attending. Indian Lake library also attended, and had several community members and board members attend, as well as Hamilton County Supervisor, Brian Wells. I did send an invite to both our Village, and Town Supervisors, and Board of Trustees, but unfortunately, none of them attended. All participants who attended were very supportive, and appreciative of the information Sara sent. Indian Lake Director, Susan Rollings, and I, submitted a photo and short description of the meeting to the Hamilton County Express. It is my hope that this publicity, and sharing of updates and information, will continue to encourage the public, and our community, to take action against the IMLS cuts.

The memorial rose that the board generously gifted me was planted by John Foley in June. It is planted in the front, to the side of the walkway, and looks beautiful. Some other building needs that have been tended to, or will soon be attended to, include:

- Window washing - interior and exterior
- Hanging the 2024 Quack-a-Palooza plaque
- Adding the last order of our memorial bricks to the front of the library
- Pulling out the dead bush by gazebo
- Having fresh lines painted on the front and back parking lots
- Laying down new grass seeding

I haven't yet heard about financial awards for either the ALCA grant, or the Adk Foundation grant. The State Aid for Library Construction grant is now open, and this would be a good grant to apply for with our digital sign project, if the Adk Foundation grant isn't approved. Applications for the state grant are due at the end of August.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Subject: Time Change: Library Board Meeting, July and August 2025

Dear Library Board Members and Public,

Please be advised that upcoming Library Board Meetings in July and August, will now be held at 3:00pm, instead of 4:00pm, on the first Tuesday of the month.

Meeting agendas, and minutes can be found on our website, at:

<https://lakepleasantlibrary.sals.edu/about-us-2/minutes/>

If you have any questions, please contact Board President, Karen McComb, or the library, at 518-548-4411.

Thank you,

Lake Pleasant Public Library Director and Board of Trustees